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BACK-BENCH**Fiery Commons Debate****Slurs On America**

London, Aug. 11.—After a fiery debate, during which the United States was called a "moneylender" and declared responsible for Britain's economic crisis, the Socialist majority in the House of Commons tonight prepared to sit until the small hours of the morning if necessary to push through its three final stages the Government's bill which will give the Government dictatorial powers over the nation's manpower, management, property and wealth.

Only the unlikely intervention of the House of Lords can prevent the measure from becoming law within the next few days.

The bill will permit the Socialist Minister to order a man from one job to another and to control his hours, conditions and rate of pay, to throw out inefficient factory management, to direct both public and private capital investment into favoured channels, and to withhold or allot raw materials, supplies and export markets to manufacturers.

Mr Winston Churchill and other Conservatives, Liberals, and Liberal National leaders again attempted to curtail the bill with restrictive amendments, but each time they were voted down.

Slurs against the United States, which brought an uproar and demands for withdrawal from the Conservative benches, were made by the Labour Member, Mr Sydney Silverman. Only one Labour M.P. took part in protest against Silverman's remarks, and Mr Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House of Commons and Chief Planner, refused to dissociate the Government from the statements.

U.S. ACCUSED

"The United States is directly responsible for the situation in which we find ourselves," Silverman began. Loud Opposition laughter soon turned to cries of "Withdraw!" as he continued.

"When our foreign investments were gone, when America allowed us to buy on a cash and carry basis—investments on which we relied to bridge the gap between our exports and imports before the war—and which we disposed of at under-cut prices in order to provide materials to defend the United States as much as ourselves—the Americans came forward with what they called lend-lease."

"Incidentally, that had the effect of preventing ground for the restoration of our export trade after the war."

"But if they had continued the lend-lease for a couple of years after the war, the world would have been out of its distress.

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Locusts Assail**Crops**

Paris, Aug. 11.—Villages in the hamlet of Bastudette, Southern France, fought a night-long battle last night with the aid of floodlights and bonfires to save their crops from an invasion of locusts.

The "battle" began at dusk as the people of the village assembled with saucers, klaxons and whistles and anything that would make a noise to scare away the pests, which dived and blanketed the crops. "We must have killed 2,000 of them, but there still seemed to be more than ever. In one night, these pests devoured most of what has taken us a year to grow", one villager said. —Reuter.

Indonesians May Reject Mediation

Batavia, Aug. 11.—Political circles in Jogjakarta, the Indonesian Republican capital, had doubt tonight whether the Indonesian Government would accept the United States offer of mediation in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, believed to have been discussed today between the Republicans and the United States Consul-General, Dr Walter Foote.

It was pointed out that Indonesia already had accepted the Australian offer of "good offices".

The Netherlands indicated her willingness to accept the United States offer a fortnight ago, when the Indonesian dispute came before the Security Council.

Jogjakarta Radio said tonight that the Republican Cabinet's reply to the American mediation offer would be broadcast either tonight or tomorrow.

Immediately after the departure of Dr Foote from Jogjakarta Airfield, the Indonesian Cabinet held a two-hour meeting.

Three hours after Dr Foote had taken off in his United States Navy plane, the Indonesian short-wave station "Voice of Free Indonesia" went off the air, saying that Dutch aircraft were raiding the city.

Five minutes later, however, the radio came on again and announced that the raid had only been a "threat". It gave no further details. —Reuter.

EDITORIAL**Gyrating Nincompoops**

THE Colony is suffering from a variety of nuisances—some trifling, some harassing, and some menacing. In the third category come pedal cyclists. They are a dangerous nuisance, not only to themselves, but to pedestrians and vehicle drivers. In Kowloon's main streets they are menace requiring Traffic Department action. Those beginning to learn to ride are so nervous that a motor horn converts them into a mass of shaking flesh and bones reeling in the rider and the cycle, either ending up a sprawling heap in the gutter, or becoming an uncontrolled perambulator in the track of a following car. The proficient and experienced riders are no less a menace; they insist upon showing off their prowess by cavorting with an air of abandonment and devilry from one side of the road to the other, irrespective of what other traffic might be in the vicinity. Thus a private car owner or a taxi driver, together with passengers, suffer nightmarish journeys through Nathan Road, endeavouring to avoid these terrors and a robbers on two wheels. And the pedestrian, trying to cross the road, experiences similar hazard. He is constantly in danger of being knocked down. Point to all this was recently given when

LABOURITES DISSATISFIED**"Revolt" Against Crisis Plans**

London, Aug. 11.—One-third of the Labour Members of Parliament are still dissatisfied with their Government's plans to fight the economic crisis.

After the full Party had held a special secret meeting today at which the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and his principal lieutenants faced outspoken criticism, it was learned tonight that 150 or more Members who had intended to force a decision on the nationalisation of the steel industry and on the size of Britain's armed forces, are still not satisfied.

The Government's spokesmen are believed to have pleaded for more time to consider both questions and to have asked the rank and file of the Party not to embarrass them by seeking to impose premature decisions.

They were, however, left in no doubt that the malcontents number many more than have ever been mustered by previous "revolts" among the Labourites in the present Parliament.

Experienced observers are now predicting as inevitable some changes in the Cabinet to meet the Party's mood.

The "Keep Left" group of the Party, which includes some vigorous critics, is arranging to stay in being as a committee during the Parliamentary recess which runs from next Wednesday until the last week in October. Members of this group are even taking their holidays on a stag-headed.

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An American agent was sent to the Russian headquarters to request an autopsy on Hermine's body. Police was suspected.

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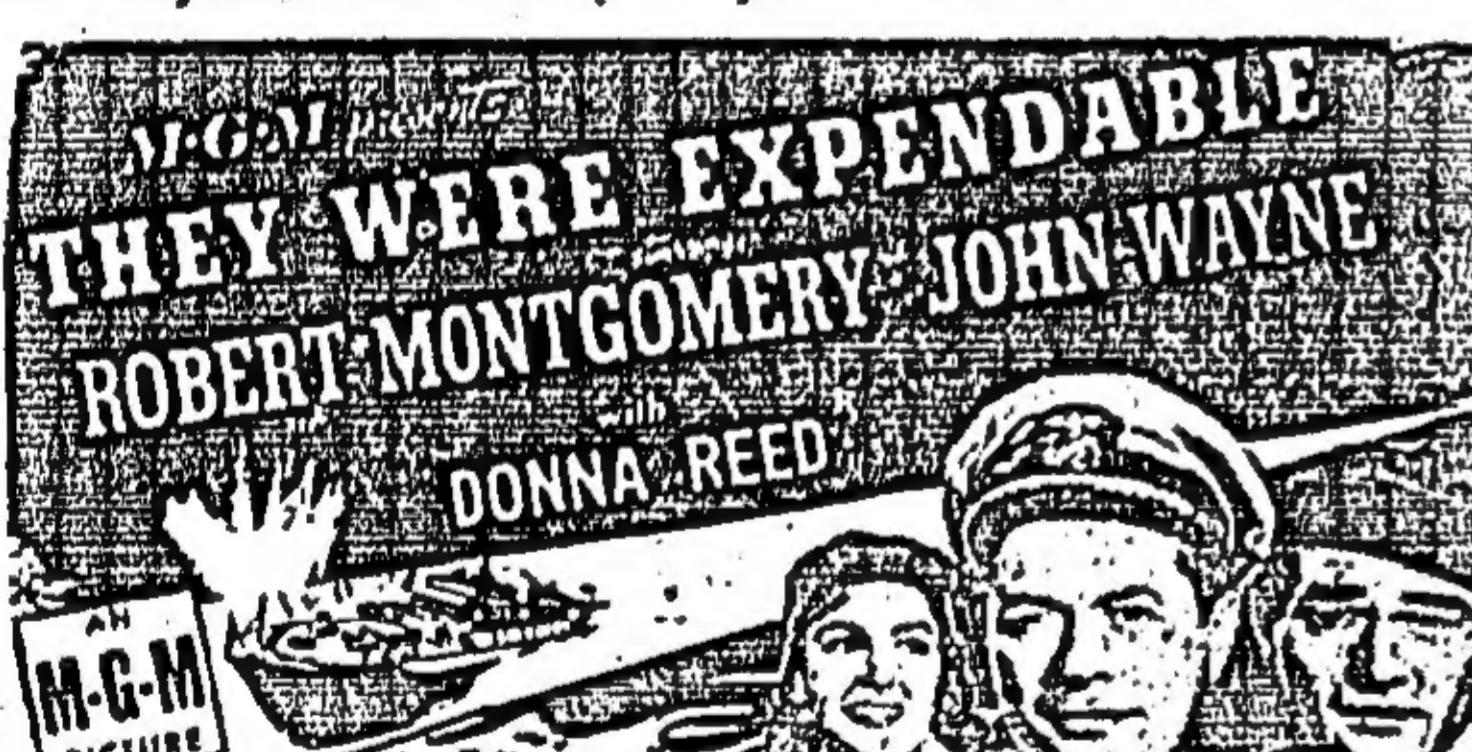
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A LOT of people these days say that all the adventure has gone out of life. They seem to think that the only way to find it is to go somewhere a long way off, or do something that imperils their own or other people's lives. Certainly, those are forms of adventure, but they're not the only kind.

When I was a boy I thought England the dullest hole on earth. All I wanted was to get away from the place. Those were my apprentice days when I still had to learn what adventure was, and I applied for every kind of foreign job you can think of, from the Sarawak Civil Service to tea planting in Ceylon.

Well, I had my adventures all right. By the time I was 20 I'd been round the world, working my way as I went through Australia, the South Seas and the United States.

I'd galloped after wild cattle on half-wild horses in the bush. I'd bossed a native labour gang in Fiji, and been a night watchman in a garage in Arizona.

But the people I worked with found those same jobs so ordinary they spent their spare time getting drunk to relieve monotony.

I did it

If you ever go by train from Roma to Charleville in Queensland you'll pass over a lot of concrete drains built under the track to carry away the flood water. I helped to put 12 of those drains in myself.

I worked as a navvy on the Queensland Government Railway for ten months and enjoyed every minute of it, for to me it seemed a real adventure. But supposing I'd done the same thing on the Southern Railway? Or the L.N.E.R.? Would that have been adventure?

In Arizona I got the garage job because the man who'd had it before grew so fed up he walked out. You see, he lived in Arizona, and the cowboys and Indians who called them just ordinary people to him.

Funnily enough, it was on afternoon in Fiji when I was lying under a mango tree with the coconut palms waving in the trade winds and the Pacific surf pounding on the coral beach that I first thought of going back to London and becoming a journalist.

I was reading a book about Fleet-street called "Mightier Than the Sword," by Alphonse Courlander. If I'd read it at home I might not have been impressed, but at that distance London seemed a far more adventurous place than Fiji.

Arrest

In New York, as I was working my way back, the police came down to the docks where I was trying to get a ship and arrested me. They said I'd murdered a taxi driver, and it took a whole day to convince them they were mistaking me for some other fellow.

"What an adventure!" people said when I reached England. They said that because it happened in New York. Anything that happens to you in New York must be an adventure. If it had been London they'd have said: "What a terrible ordeal!"

"Well, I became a journalist, and where do you think I landed my first job?" Chiswick. Yes, Chiswick, roaring, rip-snoring, adventurous Chiswick, W.4, where the boot-polish comes from.

My friends then said: "How can you stand it after the South Seas and the Wild West?"

"At the time I wasn't quite sure myself. I knew only that I could stand it. Looking back I can see that I'd already begun to learn that

those who are restless for adventure usually first look for opportunity across the seas. Is it really so much more exciting to be a bulldozer in West Africa than in your own town? Here is one man's experience . . .

adventure was more than a matter of geography.

"Ah," you may say, "the life of a reporter is different. It's so varied and reporters meet so many interesting people. But what about the ordinary person? What chance has he to find adventure in his everyday life?"

Put your mind at rest on that point. When reporters aren't reporting they're just the same as anybody else. Their wives nag them or spoil them as the case may be. They pay the same taxes and catch the same trains.

It's in the everyday life of a London citizen and not as a reporter that I find as much adventure now as I've ever done.

For instance, my wife is going to have a baby. We haven't had one for seven years and we think it is a terrific adventure especially my small son who goes up to total strangers and says: "Are you going to have a baby this summer? We are."

In a queue

Last week I got up at 6.30 a.m. and joined a pram queue. By 8.45, when the pram shop opened, there were 150 people waiting outside, two-thirds

of them women who clearly were going to have babies this summer. Have you ever stood in a queue with a hundred expectant mothers?

They have printed slips in their supplementary ration books saying: "Queue Priority, Please."

Late arrivals went to the head of the line, clutching the slip, and that was the signal for the other women to call out: "Back you go! We're all in the same boat here."

If you found yourself in such company in Cape Town or Tokyo you'd call it an adventure, wouldn't you? Well, then, I think it's none the less of one because it happened in the Finchley-road.

The summer before last one of my schoolboy dreams came true and I made a canoe trip in the Canadian wilds with an Indian guide.

The RAF and the war were fresh in my memory, but do you know what interested the Indian most?

My description of bathing girls on Brighton beach.

Then there was the American who wanted me to go over there with my family after the war. He was in England the other day and he said: "I know now why you wouldn't come. Here's this little island with all that history behind her, fighting for her life as hard as she's ever done in any of her wars. Why, gosh darn, it's so exciting I want to stay and see it through myself."

Should continents like that be settled to foreigners? I don't think so myself.

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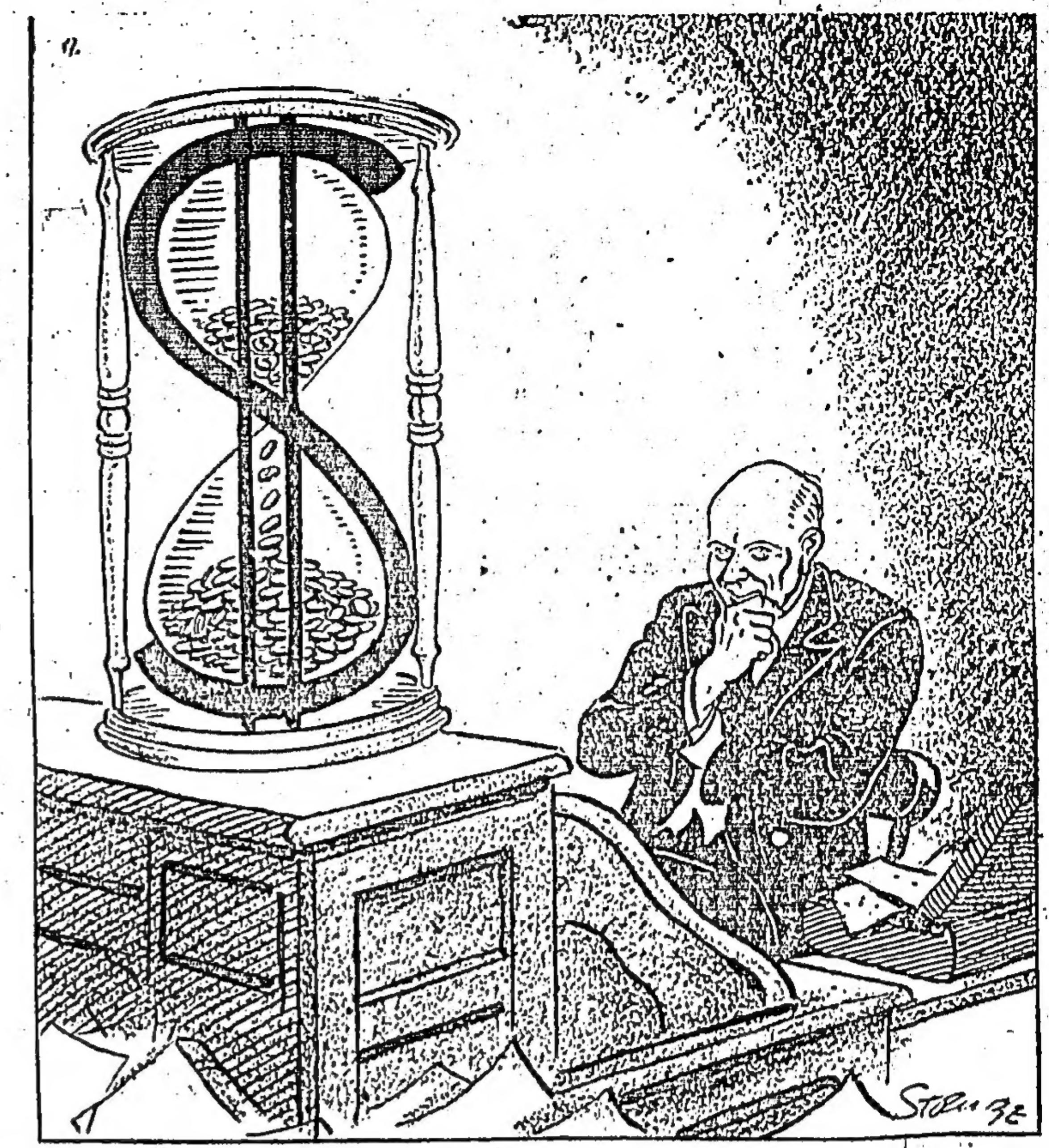


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This is the way out of the dollar dole queue

WHILE they were giving away India I crossed from the Palace to the Abbey of Westminster and stood by Livingstone's tomb.

Maybe in our lifetime, if we seize the chance, Africa will take the other's place as the brightest jewel in the British Crown.

The last time I made this crossing was two years ago on Victory Day. Then the whole Parliament gave thanks in St Margaret's, in the Abbey shadow, and we all sang how, even as a bird out of the Fowler's snare escapes away, so was our soul set free.

It should be a thrill to us every waking moment to think that we escaped peril. The war was won at a great price.

Victory was no time for declaring a national dividend or cutting up a melon before it was grown.

It took some time to make note of the inscription on Livingstone's grave, dodging round calves and peering between ankles, for it is much walked on by reverent visitors.

But from that tablet on the Abbey floor arises an inspiring message.

Men like Livingstone had no doubt of our civilising influence.

Sunk in squalor, disease and superstition, the African natives have never in recorded time made any advance by their own efforts. They have always needed the guidance of the Europeans, of whom the British are the wisest and most humane.

It is a noble enterprise, healing the open sore and doing ourselves much-needed good.

Here we are with Shunwell meaning that we have to import coal from the U.S.A.

Yet there is unlimited coal in Southern Rhodesia.

At Wankie, Mr. William Cutts writes me, the coal seam, 30 ft. thick, can be seen on the main motor road. A lorry could easily fetch up a load.

"Now the quality," he goes on. "Trains from Bulawayo to Bett bring a 1,400-ton load, and from Bett to Livingstone 750 tons on very steep gradients. I was a loco fireman stationed at Wankie, Salisbury and Que Que."

"Why am I interested? I was a coal-face worker age 23 and worked in Notts pits. I went to Rhodesia on spec when miners were 10 a penny in Britain. I landed a job on the footplate of Rhodesia railways for four and a half years. As an English minor and a loco fireman I would say the Rhodesian coal is first-class."

Much obliged, Mr. Cutts. You certainly know your potash.

"The Government's policy is to keep income tax as low as possible," I read in official documents. "Married persons have a primary allowance of £500 (in respect of tax) and pay £6. 6d. in the £ on the next £500."

"Happy land! What's stopping us all? If I write any more I will persuade myself to emigrate."

Women
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A new fashion is born when somebody gets a new idea!

STAR SHINE!

A new fad is started by someone having an idea. When Florence George, blonde coloratura soprano of opera and concert, got a new dress, she got an idea! There was the need of a "sparkly" touch but no place for it—but yes, right on the sleeve at the wrist. So on her wrist pinned her favorite Green and Yellow fish ornament. Smart and amusing, a fad that is catching on. Make yours a copy of the one that Florence George made.

Colourful! Myrna Loy wears black, always, for daytime but when the lights go on Myrna goes into colour. She says it makes her evenings more colourful and exciting! So why don't YOU try the magic of colour?

Star Fashion! Dorothy Lamour wore a Navy crepe dress, spiced with blingy accents, for dinner at the Beverly Hills Club. A low, U-shaped neckline was demurely finished with a two-inch ruffle of embroidered

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Camouflaged
Radio Defied
Japs' Search

Radio transmitting and receiving sets camouflaged as fine Chinese art objects, which were used as an intelligence service against the Japanese during the war years, were recently exhibited by Mr. W. Y. Wu, Cornell-educated radio engineer, at his home in Shanghai.

Mr. Wu narrowly escaped arrest by Japanese gendarmes on several occasions during the occupation of Shanghai. The secret intelligence worker, who established direct contacts with the Chinese National Military Council, won the recognition of the government authorities.

Inside a beautifully decorated Chinese vase, for instance, a radio set was hidden and used to transmit valuable information regarding enemy activities to Chungking.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



'She hasn't spoken to me since we had a fight over a luncheon check two years ago and she won't...'

'HIDDEN CATHOLICS' FORM JAPANESE SECRET SECT

By PETER KALISCHER

Japan's only secret Christian sect, the 32,000 so-called "Hidden Catholics," are today worshipping God in the same furtive way they have employed since the Shogunate drove Christianity underground in the 17th century. Seventy-five years after the repeal of Japan's anti-Christian laws and with a Christian prime minister in office, they continue to masquerade as Buddhists and Shintoists, refusing to avow the faith publicly and rarely revealing the secret religion even to each other.

Their sabbath rarely coincides with our Sunday, since they are still going by the calendar left them by the Portuguese missionaries in 1613. Nevertheless, according to Kaya Tagita, 50-year-old school principal who is the foremost authority on the sect, they continue to hold mass in secret once each month, celebrate Easter and Christmas, and have baptisms "very early in the morning before the rooster crows."

Tagita, himself a Roman Catholic, admits wryly that nearly all efforts of modern Catholic missionaries to bring these descendants of Japan's first converts back into the fold have failed.

Secretiveness Part of Cult

"They've practised their religion in hiding so long that the cult of secretiveness has become an essential part in their ritual," he said. "They feel the God they worship does not like publicity, so they pray to him at secret shrines hidden in some corner of their homes."

Tagita is one of the few men not of their faith who are admitted to their homes and seen have the shrines.

Tagita said the sect is concentrated in southern island of Kyushu and Goto Islands off the coast, fanning

BRITISH PAINTING ON NEW U.S. STAMP



The well-known painting, "The Doctor," by the late Sir Luke Fildes (reproduced here) has been chosen as the design for America's latest commemorative postage stamp. The stamp, a three-cent maypole, honours the doctors of America; it will be on sale this month for the centenary

meeting of the American Medical Association.

Sir Luke Fildes, RA, died in London in 1927. "The Doctor," originally called "The Crisis," was in the Royal Academy of 1891; now hangs in the Tate Gallery.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

MR JUSTICE COOKLE-CARROT is of the opinion that Charlie Suet's four-way registration, to and fro, up and down, is illegal.

This means that nobody need have bothered to become involved in the complicated machinery, which Suet himself described, in a speech at Bishop's Kippen, as "thick with unreasonable possibilities and fraught with I know not what." The latest scandal is the case of a Miss Pickett, who applied twice each way, received eight double schedule-revisions and a request for a list of her birthmarks. On calling personally at the Ministry of Broadcast, she was given a leaflet about beetroot, and told to "proceed to Northampton." All she wanted was permission to buy a mudscraper.

Syrup for thwarted horse

AS he was filleting haddock in his yard yesterday, ex-Constable Ffolliol noticed a smell of allow. Calling up his niece who lives near by, at 18, Craycresent, Smotherbrough, he (Continued on Page Two, Column four).

The Strabismus rocket

TODAY let us take the back-iron rotator. This is a Schwepf model, bevelled along the rolling-edge, and connected with the torques by a series of laminated bearing-shims, tenzel-driver and reversible. The clod fork acts as a bullet for the clearing-pins, and emits air-bubbles through a De

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DUMB-BEANS
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"The Departed One"

"Japanese Roman Catholics despise them, calling them 'barane,' which means the departed one," he said. "They are gentle people usually of the poorer class. Their story of creation is composite of Old and New testaments, local legend and Chinese history. They deny the Pope in Rome but believe in the Pope in Rome. They sing Latin hymns which they don't understand but which were passed down to them nearly 300 years."

The Hidden Catholics even tell beads with little oblong beads half an inch long, on which are painted Madonna and Child.

The symbol of the cross is disguised as hair ornament in the Madonna's brow.

Tagita believes the Hidden Catholics will soon cease to exist, largely because secretiveness prevents them from gaining converts.

To young, happy-faced, wavy-haired minister of religion Isabelle Merry, lipstick, scanty clothing, and perfume are not the inventions of the devil.

Neither are powder and permanent waves—she uses them herself.

The Rev. Isabelle Merry, first woman preacher to be ordained in Victoria (probably the only one in Australia), is no blue-stocking.

Recently, at the Congregational Assembly, she challenged another minister who said it was "well-nigh impossible for a decent man to attend a fashionable reception or walk along a beach without wanting two pairs of dark glasses."

Putting on her own lipstick, powdering her nose, she invited the cleric to go along the beach with her—and leave his dark glasses home.

Twice As Healthy

She declared the young girls of today did not use half the cosmetics their mothers did, wear twice as healthy.

Miss Merry admitted to the use of cosmetics, "enticing" lipstick.

She drives her own car, attends social evenings, and rides a horse (astride).

Said she: "I have got a high opinion of all Australian youth. Their morals are good; they don't wear clothes indecently."

"Most of them are smart and chic. They helped us out of great difficulties during the war, attended church services regularly and, above all, they acted in a Christian way in their daily routine."

Miss Merry said lipstick was worn "artistically" by Australian girls—some used it heavily, but why not?

Miss Merry would not say how old she was, but suggested she might be in her thirties.

She was ordained as a minister of the Congregational Church in 1939.

She left Melbourne University and started work in the State Savings Bank, found she was "cut out" for the Ministry.

Own Parish

After she completed a five-year course in theology in 1937, she had her own parish in Croydon, 20 miles from Melbourne.

Said she: "For seven years I used to get a good audience at all Sunday services, but men did not predominate."

During the war she left the Croydon diocese to do munitions welfare work with the Young Woman's Christian Association.

Miss Merry also took a Bachelor of Arts degree after the Congregational course and, recently, she finished her course at a hospital almoner, when combined medical and social work.

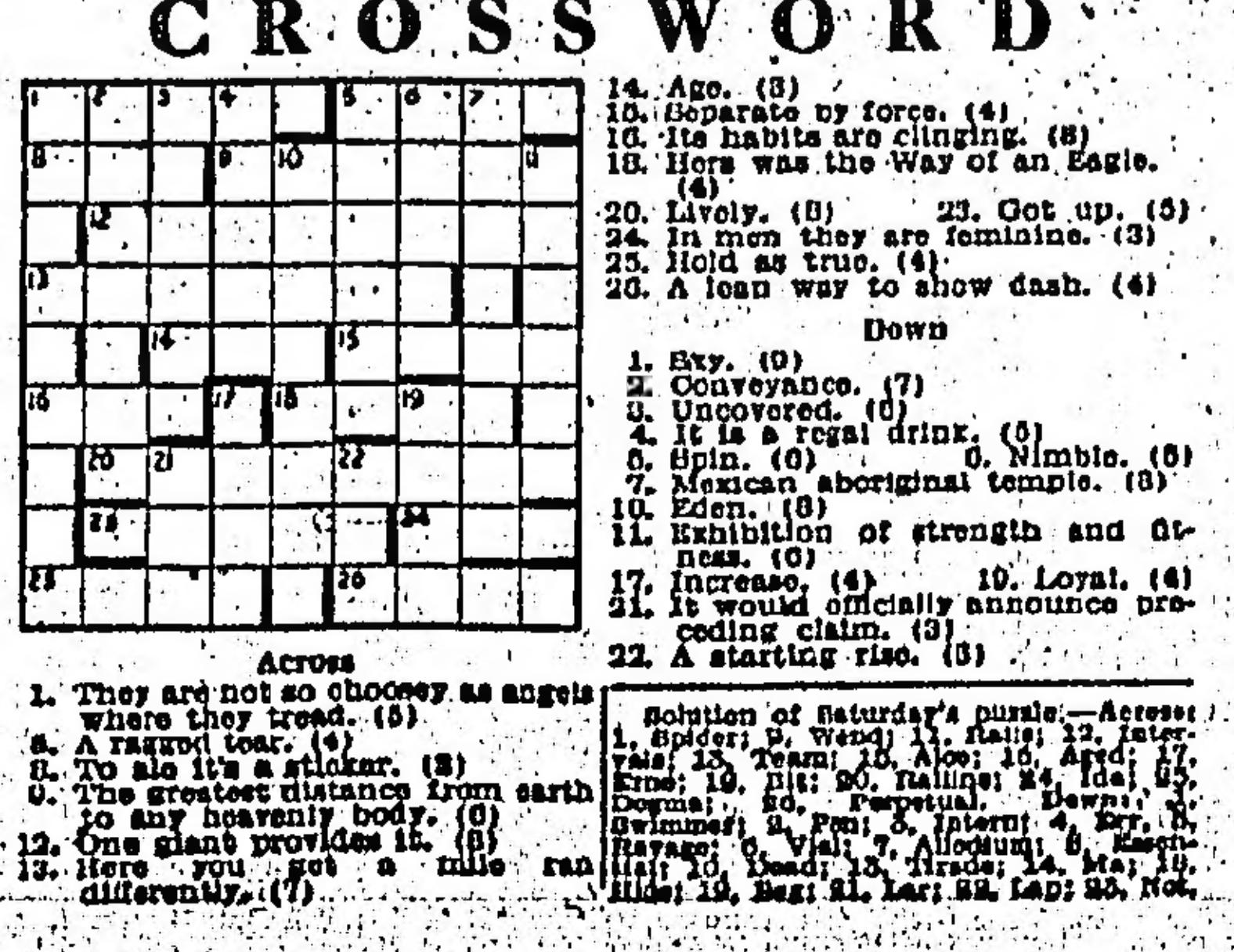
Friends who have just left Australia have invited her to Britain and America, and she intends to visit them very soon.

"And, when I do, I know I will not find better girls than I would find in Australia," she said.

Rupert and the Young Imp—42



CROSS WORD

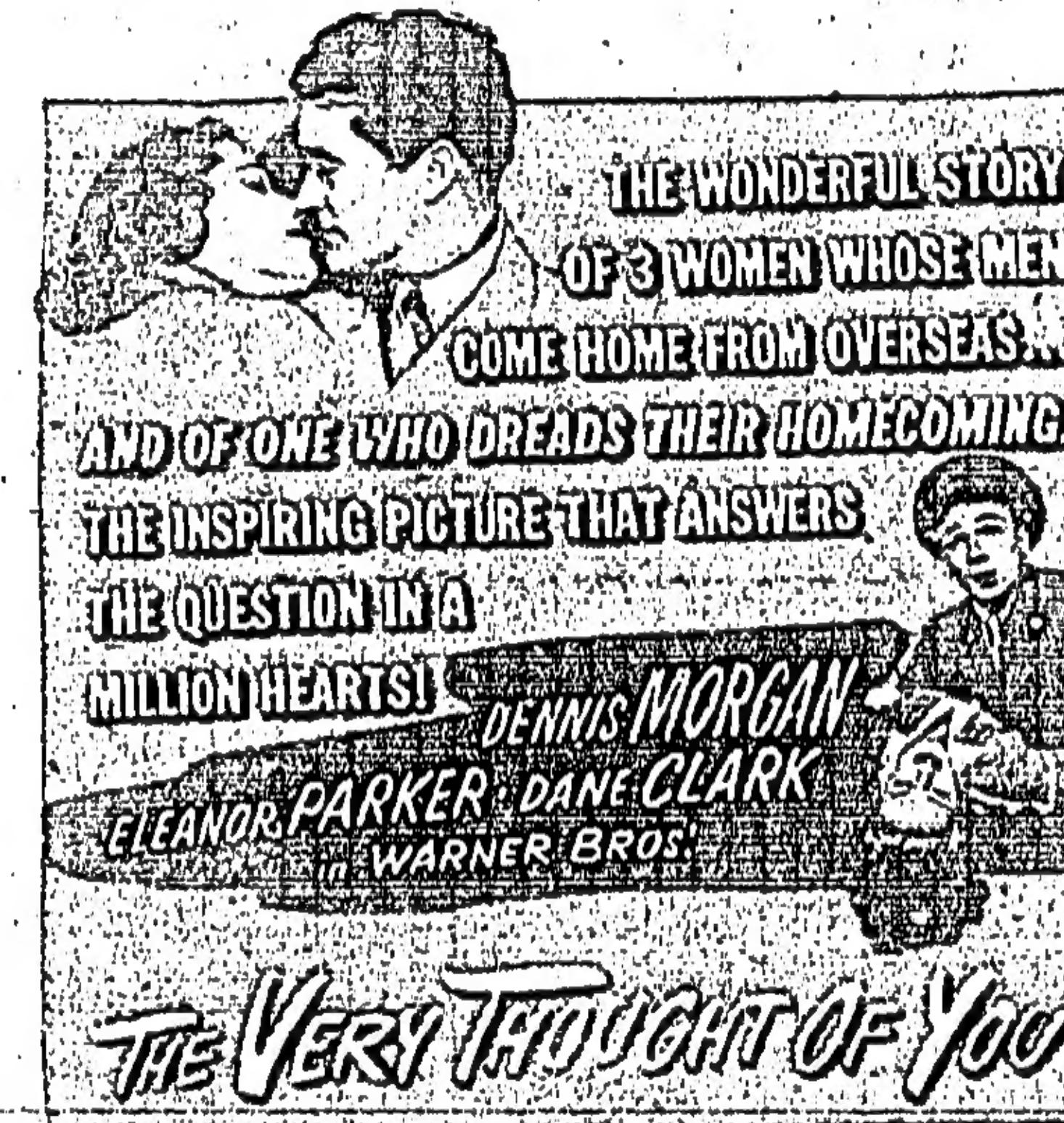
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A New York clam-digger, Cornelius J. Broere, has given judges a headache.

He conceived the novel legal theory that towing a corpse ashore was as much a salvage operation as towing an abandoned ship to safety.

Broere filed a salvage action under the provisions of the Admiralty Law, claiming \$133 dollars.

The dollars were discovered in the pockets of a dead man Broere fished out of Great South Bay. Judges are still undecided.

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Hughes Probe Halted

Washington, Aug. 11.—The Senate inquiry into millionaire Howard Hughes' wartime plane contract was halted abruptly today. Hughes predicts it will never be resumed.

Chairman Homer Ferguson (Republican), of the Senate War Investigating Sub-Committee, which is conducting the inquiry, simply announced after a closed session of the group that it had been decided to cease further meetings until November 17.

He gave principal reasons: other demands on the Senators' time, including plans several have made for trips to Europe, and the inability of the Committee to locate John W. Meyer, free spending publicity man for Hughes.—Associated Press.

ROYAL WEDDING GIFT RAISES A QUESTION

London, Aug. 11.—The London Star said today that a "constitutional question," one that would have to be decided by highest government authority, has been raised by the wedding gift of a prayer book to Princess Elizabeth.

The question is: Can the Princess legally choose to wed Lieut Philip Mountbatten in a ceremony which omits the word "obey," or must she go through the much older ceremony which binds a bride to mind her husband even though she should be his queen.

Both services are contained in a prayer book sent to the Hereditary Presumptive by the Church of England Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Rev. M. Gresham Jones, following the announcement of her engagement.

This "will enable the Princess to compare the two, and decide which she would like used at her marriage" next November 20 in Westminster Abbey, the Star said—but there is a snag.

Only the "obey" version has Parliamentary approval. In fact, Parliament specifically turned down in 1929, after a controversy that rocked the entire country, the prayer book containing the revised service.

Widely Used

Church of England bishops circulated the "banned" prayer book anyway. Parliament took no action to stop them, and the new prayer book now is widely used. But the Star noted:

"Since the Church of England is the established Church of the land and subject to Parliament, the question now being asked is this: Can Princess Elizabeth, who will one day become head of Church and State and carry the title "Defender of the Faith," constitutionally be married by a form of service which Parliament has explicitly refused to accept?"

Government and Buckingham Palace sources declined to comment on the question, but one answer suggested itself. The Princess probably will leave the wedding details to her advisers, who presumably will not go counter to the government's wishes.—Associated Press.

TOC H MEETING

The meeting of TOC H will be held this evening at 8.30 and not tomorrow evening, at Tabot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, Hongkong. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, and his subject, "The Present System of Education in Hongkong and Its Stages of Developments."

BACK-BENCH LABOURITES DISSATISFIED

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Mr Morrison declared: "I am right, I represent the Government; Mr Crossan does not."

Mr Raymond Blackburn, Labour Member who voted against the Bill on Friday, announced his intention to vote with Mr Churchill because the bill was a "totalitarian measure."

The amendment was defeated by 250 votes to 125.

Mr Churchill then moved the Opposition's main amendment to delete Section C, which reads: "Generally for ensuring that the whole resources of the community are available for use and are used in a manner best calculated to serve the interests of the community."

Mr Churchill said that the Government already had power to impose industrial conscription in peacetime but had not dared to use it. This clause, he said, was designed to give the Government the now Parliamentary authority in carrying out that policy of "serfdom in peacetime."

It was a power no Government in Britain had ever dared to demand except when the enemy's bayonet was at their throat.

PAINS AND PENALTIES

The Labour Party had made a great fuss about military conscription—a comparatively small matter affecting people only for a period of 18 months only in their lives.

But here the Government were taking power to conscript compulsorily and no doubt with pains and penalties to every single wage earner in the country, whenever they thought fit and to move him wherever they liked and employ him under such conditions as might be considered necessary.

Mr Churchill said that Mr Morrison and the Prime Minister were no longer free agents but had to take their orders—as I warned the coun-

SUDANESE NOT PRO-EGYPTIAN

Lake Success, Aug. 11.—Mahmoud Fahmy El Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, spoke slowly and deliberately when he addressed the Security Council today, emphasising his main points with carefully modulated tones, with the other members of the Council closely following his speech from copies of his manuscript, each with his eyes glued on the paper in front of him rather than on the middle-aged man in a grey suit putting his country's case forward.

Now and again the Egyptian Prime Minister fingered his glasses but disdained any other gesture. His oratory was so practised that he needed no such aid.

Every delegate, and apparently every one of more than 500 spectators, listened attentively. The demand for tickets by the public was such that an overflow broadcast was relayed to the Committee Room for the people who had been unable to enter the Council Chamber.

Nokrashy Pasha drove home his point calmly, but when he came to the repetition of his call for the "evacuation of British troops," his voice rose to its strongest pitch and, at the same time, he glared up quickly from his papers to make sure that the Council members and, particularly, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the chief British delegate, who was directly opposite him, had heard properly and had taken due note of his words, but it was plain that the Egyptian Prime Minister had shifted his case from his text.

There was complete quiet while Nokrashy Pasha was speaking, and the only movement near the Council table was the coming and going of verbatim shorthand writers. Some member of the public in a seat at the back of the Council Chamber pulled out a huge pair of field glasses and trained them in turn on Nokrashy Pasha and the other prominent delegates, several whom marked their copies of the speech in pencil as the Egyptian Prime Minister spoke and as the adviser to the British delegation leaned over and made some quickly whispered comment to Sir Alexander Cadogan.

The Commission ruled that the only precious metals and stones which could not be used to establish Japanese credit abroad are those known to have been looted or "knowingly looted."

The Far Eastern Commission reiterated that resumption of private trade in Japan will be authorised only under General MacArthur's strict supervision.

SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY

A directive to Gen MacArthur authorised him to ascertain the types and amounts of Japanese goods available for export. His programme, however, will be subject to scrutiny by the United States FEC and Inter-Allied Trade Board before it becomes effective.

The FEC said that cultural products produced prior to September 1, 1945 should not be exported by the Japanese. Imports to be authorised include those necessary "to prevent such widespread disease and unrest as would endanger the occupying forces," products required to accomplish occupation objectives and imports requested by the Japanese government.

It said for the present, no government or individual will have contact with the Japanese government or Japanese individual citizens unless authorised by Gen MacArthur.—United Press.

Sudan Not Pro-Egypt

"Egypt may have deluded herself into believing this, but the Sudanese masses are not pro-Egyptian and not anxious for a change."

"Only with British assistance was the Egyptian Government able to subdue the Sudanese revolt. Nokrashy Pasha has contemptuously missed the part played by Britain in this campaign with a reference to a few British battalions."

"Among many, this is his most glaring perversion of history."

Continuing, Sir Alexander Cadogan strongly denied that there was ever any threat to force Egypt to conclude a treaty. He also argued that the Egyptian Prime Minister misinterpreted the Sudan protocol which, he said, made it plain that the future of the Sudan was a matter of agreement between Egypt and Britain, after consultation with the Sudanese.

Sir Alexander asserted: "It is Egypt who does not wish the Sudanese to be free to choose."

Finally, Sir Alexander refuted the Egyptian Prime Minister's claim that the Anglo-Egyptian Alliance tied Egypt to British economy—"a quite incomprehensible statement."

Sir Alexander said that not one word in the treaty limited the commercial or financial freedom of Egypt and "the mere statistics of Egypt's trade show how utterly unfounded this statement is."—Reuters.

Sudanese For New York

Cairo, Aug. 11.—Leaders of the two political factions in the Sudan—one group favouring complete independence and the other calling for unity with Egypt—left for New York today to argue their respective cases before the United Nations.

Four members of the Sudanese independence delegation took off for London shortly after Ismail Elzhar, head of the Sudan Union Front, departed with one adviser.

Before leaving, Elzhar expressed resentment over the statement by



"I don't expect you to make her beautiful. Just concentrate on making her look like a girl!"

Premier Ramadier Wins Vote Of Confidence

Paris, Aug. 11.—The French National Assembly today gave M. Paul Ramadier, Socialist Premier, a vote of confidence of 404 votes against 184, according to semi-official figures. The vote had been called for on Saturday on the Government's proposed municipal electoral law reforms.

KURUSU'S DAUGHTER

TO WED AMERICAN EX-LIEUTENANT

Tokyo, Aug. 11.—A former U.S. Army first lieutenant will marry the youngest daughter of Saburo Kurusu, veteran Japanese diplomat of pre-Pearl Harbour fame, on August 14.

Frank K. White, 27, now civilian employee with the Reparations Section, revealed to United Press today that he plans to wed Teruko "Pini" Kurusu, 21, on Thursday in a civil ceremony at the American Consulate in Yokohama. He said he had not yet decided on plans for a religious ceremony.

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UNITED NATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Lake Success, Aug. 11.—No responsible statesman in any land could contemplate the prospect of war, Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, stated in his annual report to the General Assembly, published today.

"If the nations involved would drop the military promises from their efforts to resolve the basic problems of the world, the millions of people who watch our deliberations might really feel that their own indisputable longing for peace was being championed by this organisation," Dr Lie said.

The report stated that through the 1,911 meetings held in the year ending June 30, 1947, showed "a heartening willingness" to rely increasingly on the international organisation, "the world situation has not improved in the last year."

The failure of the powers to draft the main peace treaties could not be over emphasized, Dr. Lie said, adding: "It is clear that in the political and, in particular, the economic sphere, they are a prerequisite of a reconstructed world order."

The Secretary-General's report stated that the aftermath of the war could no longer be considered the main cause of the economic problems facing the world.

These problems "arise in large measure from a basic political situation which underlies and affects all international political, economic and social activity."

"It is now possible to say that with the co-operation of the member Governments, the United Nations is equipped to undertake the responsibility for the handling of the problems in these fields."

Principal Organs

In the body of the report, the Secretary-General covered the complete structure of the United Nations Organisation, including the six principal organs and commissions, committees and specialised agencies grouped around them.

Particular emphasis was given to the United Nations International machinery for dealing with the world's social and economic problems, pivoting round the Economic and Social Council.

"It is within the power of member Governments to make of this great structure the most powerful, flexible and versatile machinery the world has ever seen," the report stated.

Dealing with the efforts of the United Nations to inform the peoples of the world of its aims and activities, the report recorded that information centres had already been opened in London, Washington, Copenhagen, Geneva, Paris, New Delhi, Shanghai and Rio de Janeiro.

Decentralisation

The report foreshadowed that in future much of the work of the United Nations would be done away from its headquarters at Lake Success, particularly since such decentralisation would afford at least a partial solution of the serious difficulties encountered by many Governments in providing the dollars necessary for the maintenance of their delegations in the United States.

The report concluded with a summary of the financial situation of the United Nations Organisation. Expenditure and obligations for the year 1947 were expected to exceed by \$2,600,000 the appropriation of \$27,740,000 approved by the General Assembly and the General Assembly would be asked to approve this additional expenditure.

Budget estimates for 1948 amounting to \$30,403,702 would be submitted to the General Assembly.—Reuter.

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Tuesday, August 12

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

Shanghai (Train) 3 p.m.

Manila, P.I. 4 p.m.

Singapore, Ceylon, Australia, Sydney, New Zealand, Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Davao, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo, Nairobi, Johannesburg, August 13

Moscow, Mansell & London (Air) 3.30 p.m.

London (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Shanghai, Canton, Kwaihsing, King, Chungking, Tientsin, August 13

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Canton (Sea) 7 a.m.

Shanghai and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

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Macau, Tsinhan, Shekki & Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.